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SUBJECT: GOT REQUESTS EXCHANGE OF SUPPORT FOR UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE CANDIDATES

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¶1. This is an action request. Post received a dipnote from MFA June 12 seeking an exchange of support for Tunisian candidate to the UN Human Rights Committee Abdelfattah Amor and US candidate Prof. Ruth Wedgwood. Post seeks Department guidance in responding to this request.

¶2. Relevant text of the dipnote follows (translation from French):

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America in Tunis and has the honor to propose an exchange of support between the candidacy of Mr. Abdelfattah Amor for the Human Rights Committee and that of Prof. Ruth Wedgewood for the same organization, whose elections will take place September 7, 2006 in New York, during the meeting of State Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs would be grateful to the Embassy of the United States of America if it would communicate its response to this proposal. End text.
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